

# TOMORROW UNO STARTS A SIGNIFICANT SESSION

## First Meeting of Security Council in This Country Is Counted On to Make It a Going Concern

### COMPLAINTS OF A WELCOME

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With the opening of the session of the Security Council tomorrow at Hunter College, the United Nations begins its meeting in the country which is to be its permanent home, which happens to be the country where it was born. The meetings here at this time will not be on the scope of the London meeting of recent date because there both the Assembly and the Council were in session. There is to be a meeting of the Assembly here in September.

Yet tomorrow's meeting has the aspect of making the UNO a going concern. The meeting of the Council in London was marked by great frankness on the part of some of the nations, especially Britain and Russia, yet here they are back at it again. The statements by Stalin have removed all doubts about Russian interest and wiped away any fear that the Moscow delegation would show a What the Council does or does not lessening interest in the Council do swings a great significance in should things turn in a manner every direction. Not only does it not always favorable to Russia. have much to do with the prospect

So, as the Council meets all its of making successful peace treaty-important members stand committees in the near future but it will mitted to work for its success and also affect heavily the prospects of for the success of the United Na- the Assembly next fall.

tions. That the United States, Britain and Russia have rededicated themselves to the new world It is perhaps unfortunate, if organization on the eve of sessions only a temporary matter, that which are bound to bring a heavy some of the delegates to the Council debate over the Iranian situation, oil feel that the United States has in which all three have taken position not gone out of its way to facilitate their most important work. in accord, augurs well for the idea There have been difficulties about that the UNO is solidifying itself. the permanent site due to the And in that circumstance lies criticisms of the selection of the proposed permanent site in Westchester and Fairfield Counties.

#### The Iranian Imbroglio

That the Council is solid enough the temporary Hunter College site. to undertake the effort of airing On top of that there have been the Iranian situation is no small troubles over hotel accommodation. Right out in publications in a city whose hotels are already overcrowded. There have been the complaints of the United States been obliged to be made provisions and Britain that they have overfor office room for the delegations stayed their welcome in Iran, with which are not satisfactory. the Teheran Government taking a All of this has produced in the firm position on that point. It minds of some delegates the idea may well be that the Russians will that New York has not been sufficiently proud of the location of to justify their keeping troops in the UNO in its borders. They are a country from which they may prone to recall that at San Francisco there seemed to be more appreciation of the honor paid the United States. They are also inclined to recall that at London, a city with many of its hotels and buildings not yet rebuilt from the war bombings, the British Government took good care of them. There was a governmental organization which attended to the hotel rooms, supplies, largely from the United His Majesty's Government supplied Central Hall for the Assembly and supplied Church House for the Council and the Secretariat.

thousands and thousands of trucks, thousands of planes and millions and millions of munitions to the Russians over the route we built and then our troops came home. We would expect the Russians to do no less. Without questioning the motives which dictated its abstention it is evident to our visitors that the Washington Government is not going overboard to help the UNO. Things have been largely left to New York City, which, in doing what may be its best, is not doing as well as if the National Government were pushing the matter. Delegates, many of them unfamiliar with our politics, recall that the Government of the United States, by action of both Houses of Congress at the behest of the President, invited the UNO to come to our country. Then the UNO accepted the invitation. Therefore, they seem to feel, or at least some of them, that the National Government should have shown more regard for the physical accommodation of the delegates when they arrived here. After all, they argue, the Government did a good job at San Francisco and they ask why it does nothing at New York.

#### Need for Good Feeling

In the circumstance that the time is approaching for the making of peace treaties, with those for Italy, Rumania, Bulgaria and Hungary being due for handling at a conference in Paris in May, there lies additional reason for accomplishment on a business and cooperative basis by the Council. Many national interests are involved in the making of those treaties, and just as an impasse at the UNO meeting starting tomorrow would be indeed an unfortunate omen, just so success at the Council meetings will augur well for the making of the treaties matters will be better handled. which Europe needs to get back to normal conditions. Also harmony in New York in the weeks to come is not welcome here because that will smooth the way for the more important treaties to be made with Germany and Japan. hospitable. And, as an over-all picture, it will not do any good for delegates from all over the world who will come to the Assembly to feel that the United States is not glad to have them on our soil.